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Identical letters dated 22 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that aircraft belonging to the so-called international coalition led by the United States of America bombarded the following facilities and infrastructure in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic:

- On 31 December 2016, aircraft struck the gas pipeline that runs between the Husayn north station and the northern gas plant in the central part of Tuwaynan, Raqqah governorate.
- On 5 January 2017, aircraft struck the Umar oil field and related installations, and an electrical power substation in Dayr al-Zawr governorate.
- On 16 and 22 January 2017, in Dayr al-Zawr governorate, aircraft struck the Conoco and Umar plants and the gas pipelines that run between them.

Repeated bombings by warplanes of the so-called international coalition led by the United States of America have caused severe material damage to and the near total destruction of some of those facilities. These enormous losses are another case in which oil and gas installations and sites, and much of their infrastructure, in the Syrian Arab Republic have been systematically targeted and comprehensively destroyed by air raids carried out by aircraft of the so-called international coalition.

The aerial bombardment carried out by aircraft of the so-called coalition under the pretext of countering terrorism has killed innocent Syrian civilians, destroyed infrastructure and installations and caused enormous financial losses, in excess of $10 billion, to the Syrian economy. The bombings have also cut off or limited the access of Syrian civilians to a number of services, most notably power, heating, transportation, food and medicine.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities and condemn these systematic acts of destruction and put an end to the damage and destruction being caused by this coalition. The Syrian Government once again stresses that any international efforts aimed at countering terrorism must, in the first place, be carried in cooperation with the Government and

in full compliance with the relevant Security Council resolution, particularly resolution 2253 (2015).

I should be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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